Delivering the Wives of the Brahmanas #2

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(Krsna and Balarama run onto stage merrily, followed by laughing cowherd boys. They all stop to rest, out of breath.)

Subal: Dear Krsna and Balarama, You are both all-powerful and can kill many demons but today we are much afflicted by hunger, and this is disturbing us. Please arrange for some nice foodstuffs.

Krsna: My dear friends, please go to the houses of the brahmanas nearby. They are now engaged in sacrifices because they want to go to the heavenly planets. But, let me warn you, these brahmanas are not Vaisnavas. They cannot even chant Our names, even though the purpose of the Vedas is to find Me. (pause) Ask for food in the name of My elder Brother, Balarama, because they may prefer to give charity to a ksatriya instead of a vaishya.
(The boys leave Krsna and Balarama and go to the other side of the stage and approach several brahmanas. The boys fold their hands and fall down on the ground to offer their respect.)

> Subal: Dear Brahmanas, please listen. We have come here to ask for food in the name of Krsna and Balarama. They are tending the cows nearby. We are all very hungry. Please give us something to eat.

1st Brahmana: I do not understand why you think that you can just come to us, We are busy, elevated brahmanas, anytime you feel like it to beg some lunch. How dare you!?! Furthermore, we do not even know this Krsna and Balarama that you speak about!!

2nd Brahmana: So go away, all of you, we are not going to speak to you anymore!!
(Very disappointed, the boys return to Krsna and Balarama and tell them what had happened.)

1st Boy: We went to the brahmanas as you said and very humbly, with folded hands, we asked them for foodstuffs in the names of Krsna and Balarama!

2nd Boy: Yes, and they said,“Go away right now! We don’t know any Krsna and Balarama! We’re not going to speak to you any longer!”

Krsna: Do not be sad. That is the way of begging. Go again to the ashrams of the brahmanas engaged in sacrifices but this time ask their wives for foodstuffs. These women are great devotees. They are always engaged in thinking of Me and My Brother, Balarama. They will help you.
(The boys immediately go to the wives of the brahmanas, offering their respectful obeisances.)

1st Boy: Dear mothers, please accept our humble obeisances and hear our statement. May we inform you that Lord Krsna and Balarama are nearby. They have come here with the cows and they have sent y us here because all of us are very hungry. Please give us something to eat! We have come here under Their instructions. All of us are very hungry, therefore, we have come to you for some food. Please give us something to eat for Krsna and Balarama and ourselves.

1stWife: Krsna and Balarama are hungry!? Of course, we will come and bring Them food!

2ndWife: Come on, ladies, hurry! We are going to see Krsna and Balarama!

3rdWife: They are so wonderful!

4thWife: Krsna is very beautiful!

5thWife: And Balarama is very strong!

1stWife: We have made many nice dishes. Krsna and Balarama will enjoy them!

Subal: He’s just over that hill there, waiting!

2ndWife: We are so fortunate!

3rdWife: Krsna is so kind to allow us to serve Him!
(They start to leave.)

1stBrahmana: Hey, where do you ladies think you’re going!

2ndWife: Krsna and Balarama are hungry! We must take this food stuffs to Them!

3rdBrahmana: Krsna and Balarama again! We told those cowherd boys before that we had no

time for charity today!

4thBrahmana: Yes, today we are engaged in rituals and we need all the wives to do their part in
these rituals. This must be done so that we can go to the heavenly planets. That is all we care
about!

1stWife: We don't care! We are going to see Krsna and Balarama and Their friends and that's that!

2ndWife: Krsna is our life and soul!!

1stBrahmana: This is outrageous!!

2ndBrahmana: Why I never !!
(The Cowherd Boys lead the wives of the brahmanas to Krsna and Balarama)

Narrator: There in the forest, the brahmanas wives saw Krsna wearing a nice garland of forest flowers. They saw Him keeping one hand on the shoulder of a friend and, in His other hand, He was holding a lotus flower. He wore marks of tilak and He was smiling charmingly. Within their hearts, they began to embrace Krsna.

Lord Krsna could understand their minds. Just to see Him, they had risked everything. He was their life and soul.

Krsna: My dear wives of the brahmanas, you are all very fortunate and welcome here. Please let Me know what I can do for you. Your coming here, neglecting all the restrictions and hindrances of relatives, fathers, brothers and husbands, in order to see Me, is completely fitting. One who does this actually knows his self-interest, because rendering transcendental loving service to Me is actually auspicious for the living entities. You can now return to your home and help your husbands with their duties.

2ndWife: Dear Lord, You promised that You would protect Your devotees. We do not want to return to our homes. Please give us shelter at Your lotus feet.

3rdWife: Our husbands will be angry with us. Please let us stay here with You!

Krsna: My dear wives of the brahmanas, don't worry. Your husbands will not be angry. Everyone, as well as the demigods will be satisfied with you.

Narrator: After being instructed by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, all the wives returned home to their husbands. The brahmanas were pleased with their wives and together they performed the Vedic sacrifices.

1stWife: Now my life is complete!

2ndWife: What perfection - seeing Krsna and Balarama herding Their cows in the forest of Vrndavana!

1stBrahmana: We are the most unfortunate because although our wives are on the highest platform of self-realization by their pure devotional service to the Supreme, we cannot understand even a little bit of how to love the Lord!!

4thBrahmana: To hell with our being born brahmanas!

2ndBrahmana: To hell with our learning in the Vedas!!

3rdBrahmana: To hell with our performing great sacrifices and following all the rules and regulations!

2ndBrahmana: Yes, to hell with it all, for we have not developed transcendental loving service to
the Supreme Personality of Godhead!

3rdBrahmana: We have been very foolish, because without Krsna Consciousness, all religious
duties are simply a waste of time and energy.

4hBrahmana: We have been in Big Maya!!

1stBrahmana: Just see how fortunate these women are! They have dedicated their lives to the
Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna. They could easily give up their family connection, which
is so difficult to do.

2ndBrahmana: Again we see that family life is just a dark well for the continuation of material
miseries!

1stBrahmana: Krsna and Balarama were here , but we ignored Them!! We should have
immediately satisfied Them!!

3rd Brahmana: We pray to the Lord to be kind and excuse our offenses!!

4th Brahmana: We should go immediately to see Krsna and Balarama in the forest, just as our wives have done!

1st Brahmana: Gentle brahmanas, please! We cannot do that! If we go there, the evil King Kamsa may come to know of it and arrest us!

2nd Brahmana: Yes, if King Kamsa restricts us any more than he does already, then we will not be able to obtain liberation through the performance of rituals and sacrifices.

1st Brahmana: Yes, we must continue our duties while remembering Krsna and Balarama within our minds!

Narrator: The brahmanas repented for their sinful activities. They wanted to go personally to offer their obeisances to Him, but being afraid of Kamsa, they could not go. In other words, it is very difficult for one to surrender fully to the Supreme Personality of Godhead without being purified by devotional service.
(Kirtan)